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These references were cited in an International Search Report (copy enclosed) in application No. PCT/FR2005/000699 filed March 23, 2005.

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